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The Duke Blue Devils meet the KSU Owls

Duke University Wind Symphony  
KSU Wind Ensemble

Verena Moesenbichler-Bryant, guest conductor  
Steven Bryant, special guest composer

Monday, October 14, 2013  
8:00 p.m  
Dr. Bobbie Bailey & Family Performance Center, Morgan Hall  
Seventeenth Concert of the 2013-14 Concert Season
Program

Duke University Wind Symphony
Verena Moesenbichler-Bryant, conductor

SCOTT LINDROTH (b. 1958)
Spin Cycle (2001)

ERIC WHITACRE (b. 1970)
October (2000)

David Kehler, guest conductor

STEVEN BRYANT (b. 1972)
Ecstatic Waters (2008)

I. Ceremony of Innocence  
II. Augurs  
III. The Generous Wrath of Simple Men  
IV. The Loving Machinery of Justice  
V. Spiritus Mundi

Intermission

KSU Wind Ensemble
David Thomas Kehler, conductor

STEVEN BRYANT
Ecstatic Fanfare (2012)

JOSEPH SCHWANTNER (b. 1943)
… and the mountains rising nowhere (1977)

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Solace (2012)

Georgia Premiere
Scott Lindroth earned degrees from the Eastman School of Music and the Yale School of Music. He has been the recipient of many awards and fellowships, including the Rome Prize, a Guggenheim Fellowship, a Revson Fellowship, an Academy Award from the American Academy of Arts and Letters, and the Howard Foundation Fellowship. His music has been performed by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, the Philadelphia Orchestra, the New York Philharmonic, the Netherlands Wind Ensemble, and many other chamber ensembles in the United States and Europe. A recording of Lindroth's chamber music, Human Gestures, is available on CRI, and a recording of Spin Cycle, performed by the University of Michigan Wind Ensemble was released on the Equilibrium label in December 2002. Lindroth has been a member of the Duke University music faculty since 1990.

Spin Cycle was commissioned by H. Robert Reynolds and the University of Michigan Symphony Band. It was premiered by Michael Haithcock in March 2002, and is dedicated to T.J. Anderson. In the composer’s own words:

Spin Cycle was composed during a period I was writing music for choreography as well as incidental music for theater. The nature of those projects called for slow, contemplative music, so when the opportunity to compose a work for wind ensemble came along, I was eager to write music that was quick and agile. The title refers to the swirling, spinning melodic figured that are heard everywhere in the piece. These figures alternate with syncopated repeated notes that sound something like Morse code. In fact, these rhythms are based on names of people close to me which have been enciphered as a rhythmic pattern. This breathless, energetic music soon gives way to music with a more sustained and lyrical character. Now the spinning figures appear as ornaments to syncopated riffs accompanying long-breathed melodies. Dissonant trumpet fanfares based on the rhythmic cipher figures announce the recapitulation of the opening music, followed by an extended coda to bring the music to a conclusion.

An accomplished composer and conductor, Eric Whitacre has quickly become one of the most popular and performed composers of his generation. The Los Angeles Times has praised his compositions as “works of unearthly beauty and imagination, (with) electric, chilling harmonies”; while the BBC raves that “what hits you straight between the eyes is the honesty, optimism and sheer belief that passes any pretension. This is music that can actually make you smile.” Though he had received no formal training before the age of 18, his first experiences singing in college choir changed his life, and he completed his first concert work, Go, Lovely Rose, at the age of 21. Eric went on to the Juilliard School, earning his Master of Music degree and studying with Pulitzer Prize- and Oscar-winning composer John Corigliano.
Many of Whitacre’s works have entered the standard choral and symphonic repertoires and have become the subject of several recent scholarly works and doctoral dissertations. His works Water Night, Cloudburst, Sleep, Lux Aurumque and A Boy and a Girl are among the most popular choral works of the last decade, and his Ghost Train, Godzilla Eats Las Vegas, and October have achieved equal success in the symphonic wind community. Recent and upcoming commissions include works for Chanticleer, The King’s Singers, Conspirare, and the London Symphony Orchestra and Chorus. To date, his forty-four published concert pieces have sold over 1,000,000 copies.

Eric Whitacre describes the work:

"October is my favorite month. Something about the crisp autumn air and the subtle change in light always make me a little sentimental, and as I started to sketch I felt that same quiet beauty in the writing. The simple, pastoral melodies and subsequent harmonies are inspired by the great English Romantics (Vaughan Williams and Elgar) as I felt that this style was also perfectly suited to capture the natural and pastoral soul of the season. I’m quite happy with the end result, especially because I feel there just isn't enough lush, beautiful music written for winds."

October was commissioned by the Nebraska Wind Consortium, Brian Anderson, Consortium Chairman. October was premiered on May 14th, 2000, and is dedicated to Brian Anderson, the man who brought it all together.

Ecstatic Waters
STEVEN BRYANT
born 1972

Steven Bryant, originally from Little Rock, AR, is an active composer and conductor with a varied catalog, including works for wind ensemble, orchestra, electronic and electro-acoustic creations, chamber music, and music for the web. Steven's music has been performed by numerous ensembles across North America, Europe, and East Asia. He is a three-time winner of the National Band Association's William D. Revelli Composition Award: in 2010 for Ecstatic Waters, in 2008 for Suite Dreams, and in 2007 for his work Radiant Joy. His first orchestral work, Loose Id for Orchestra, hailed by celebrated composer Samuel Adler as "orchestrated like a virtuoso," was premiered by The Juilliard Symphony and is featured on a CD release by the Bowling Green Philharmonia on Albany Records. Alchemy in Silent Spaces, a new large-scale work commissioned by James DePreist and The Juilliard School was premiered by the Juilliard Orchestra in May 2006. Since its 2008 premiere, his seminal work for large ensemble and electronics Ecstatic Waters has become the most performed work of its kind in the world. Other notable commissions have come from cellist Caroline Stinson (Lark Quartet), pianist Pamela Mia Paul (University of North Texas), the Amherst Saxophone Quartet (funded by the American Composers Jerome Composers Commissioning Program), the University of Texas - Austin Wind Ensemble, the US Air Force Band of Mid-America, the Japanese Wind Ensemble Conductors Conference, and the Calgary Stampede Band, as well as many others. Recordings include multiple releases by Eugene Corporon and the University of North Texas Wind Symphony, the Ron Hufstader and the El Paso Wind Symphony, William Berz and the Rutgers University Wind Ensemble, and Thomas Leslie and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas Wind Orchestra. Steven has also created a recomposition of the Iggy Pop and the Stooges song,
"Real Cool Time," for the independent Italian record label, Snowdonia, as well as music for portions of the Virtual Space Tour at space.com. Steven is a founding member of the composer-consortium BCM International: four stylistically-diverse composers from across the country. BCM's music has generated a following of thousands around the world and two recordings: "BCM Saves the World" (2002, Mark Custom Records) and "BCM Men of Industry" (2004, BCM Records). Steven studied composition with John Corigliano at The Juilliard School, Cindy McTee at the University of North Texas, and Francis McBeth at Ouachita University, trained for one summer in the mid-1980s as a breakdancer, and has a Bacon Number of 1. He resides in Durham, NC. For more information, please visit his website: http://www.stevenbryant.com.

Ecstatic Waters is music of dialectical tension - a juxtaposition of contradictory or opposing musical and extra-musical elements and an attempt to resolve them. The five connected movements hint at a narrative that touches upon naiveté, divination, fanaticism, post-human possibilities, anarchy, order, and the Jungian collective unconscious. Or, as I have described it more colloquially: W.B. Yeats meets Ray Kurzweil in the Matrix. The overall title, as well as "Ceremony of Innocence" and "Spiritus Mundi" are taken from poetry of Yeats ("News for the Delphic Oracle," and "The Second Coming"), and his personal, idiosyncratic mythology and symbolism of spiraling chaos and looming apocalypse figured prominently in the genesis of the work. Yet in a nod to the piece's structural reality - as a hybrid of electronics and living players - Ecstatic Waters also references the confrontation of unruly humanity with the order of the machine, as well as the potential of a post-human synthesis, in ways inspired by Kurzweil. The first movement, “Ceremony of Innocence”, begins as a pure expression of exuberant joy in unapologetic Bb Major in the Celesta and Vibraphone. The movement grows in momentum, becoming perhaps too exuberant - the initial simplicity evolves into a full-throated brashness bordering on dangerous arrogance and naiveté, though it retreats from the brink and ends by returning to the opening innocence.

In Mvt. II, “Augurs”, the unsustainable nature of the previous Ceremony becomes apparent, as the relentless tonic of Bb in the crystal water glasses slowly diffuses into a microtonal cluster, aided and abetted by the trumpets. Chorale-like fragments appear, foreshadowing the wrathful self-righteousness of Mvt. III. The movement grows inexorably, spiraling wider and wider, like Yeat’s gyre, until “the center cannot hold,” and it erupts with supreme force into “The Generous Wrath of Simple Men”. Mvt. III is deceptive, musically contradicting what one might expect of its title. While it erupts at the outset with overwhelming wrath, it quickly collapses into a relentless rhythm of simmering 16th notes. Lyric lines and pyramids unfold around this, interrupted briefly by the forceful anger of a chorale, almost as if trying to drown out and deny anything but its own existence. A moment of delicate lucidity arrives amidst this back-and-forth struggle, but the chorale ultimately dominates, subsuming everything, spiraling out of control, and exploding. “The Loving Machinery of Justice” brings machine-like clarity and judgment. Subtle, internal gyrations between atonality and tonality underpin the dialogue between lyric melody (solo Clarinet and Oboe) and mechanized accompaniment (Bassoons). An emphatic resolution in Ab minor concludes the movement, floating seamlessly into the epilogue, “Spiritus Mundi”. Reprising music from Mvt. I, this short meditative movement reconciles and releases the earlier excesses.

Program notes by Steven Bryant
Ecstatic Fanfare
Steven Bryant

The composer writes:

Ecstatic Fanfare is based on music from movement I of my Ecstatic Waters. One day in May, 2012, I mentioned to my wife that it might be fun to take the soaring, heroic tutti music from the earlier work and turn it into a short fanfare “someday”. She goaded me into doing it immediately, and so in a panicked three-day composing frenzy, I created this new work, which was premiered by Johann Moesenbichler with the Polizeiorchester Bayern just three short weeks later, followed immediately by my wife, Verena conducting it with the World Youth Wind Orchestra Project in July, 2012. This has to be a record time for conception-to-premiere for a large ensemble work...

... and the mountains rising nowhere

JOSEPH SCHWANTNER
born 1943

Joseph Schwantner was born in Chicago, Illinois. After graduating from the American Conservatory, Schwantner enrolled at Northwestern University to pursue graduate study with Alan Stout and Anthony Donato. While a student at Northwestern, Schwantner earned three BMI Student Composition Awards. The first award came in 1965 for a Concertino for alto saxophone and three chamber ensembles. The second award came in 1966 for Diaphonia Intervallum, scored for alto saxophone, flute, piano, and a full string section. The final BMI Award came in 1968 for the work Chronicon, written for bassoon and piano and premiered at the Tanglewood Festival. Although each one these works was highly atonal and written with strict serial methods, his future compositions would begin to evolve away from firm twelve-tone frameworks toward a more flexible technique. In 1966, Schwantner received the Master of Music degree, and in 1968 he received the Doctor of Musical Arts, both from Northwestern University.

In addition to numerous awards, Schwantner has received CAP (Composer Assistance Program) Grants in 1975 and 1977, a Martha Baird Rockefeller Foundation Grant in 1978, the Fairchild Award in 1985, the Alfred I. Dupont award for outstanding composers in 1995, and numerous honorary doctorates. His orchestral work Aftertones of Infinity received the 1979 Pulitzer Prize for Music. He was featured in the television documentary Soundings, produced by WGBH in Boston for national broadcast, and in 2007 the American Symphony Orchestra League and “Meet the Composer” announced that Schwantner was selected as the second Ford “Made in America” composer. Other notable commissions include the National Symphony Orchestra, the New York Philharmonic, the Boston Symphony Orchestra, the Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra, the San Diego Symphony, the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra, the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, and others.

Joseph Schwantner was elected into the American Academy of Arts and Letters in 2002, and his music is published by the Schott Helicon Music Corporation of Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. He currently resides in Spofford, New Hampshire with his wife Janet.

... and the mountains rising nowhere was commissioned by Donald Hunsberger and the Eastman Wind Ensemble with a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, ... and the mountains rising nowhere was Joseph Schwantner’s first com-
The composer writes:

*Idyll* is a simple, pastoral work, meant to showcase the intimate side of the wind ensemble. The music is tranquil, featuring small groups of instruments in varying combinations, never rising above mezzo-forte in volume.

*Solace* divides into two equal halves. The first section opens with a veiled atmosphere built on the first notes of the row. A moment of harmonic stability in the piano gives way to a steady pulse, building relentlessly to a dissonant climax, which then spirals inward back to the C#/Db anchor. The piano returns, concluding with a quantum of consolation, before a brass chorale initiates the second section. Pitting expressive fluidity against rhythmic rigidity, the chorale aggregates mass, finally cohering into simple triadic clarity, while simultaneously coming unmoored from the sustained C#/Db that has anchored the work. The piano again returns, accompanied by clarinets, offering a quiet conclusion as their final chord transforms into the familiar percolating drone, and evaporating.

*Solace* offers the experience of seeking, and perhaps finding, consolation.

Scored for standard wind ensemble plus electronics, the work seamlessly augments the timbre and power of the band by transforming recordings of individual players from within the group.

Program notes compiled by David Kehler
Personnel
Duke University Wind Ensemble

**FLUTE**
Laura Brody
Monica Chelius *
Erina Fujino
De'Shaun King *
Emily Kuhn
Ashley Qiang
Cindy Tay
Rebecca Trinklein

**OBOE**
Sonya Jooma
Philippa Tanford *
Graham Turbayne
Kunyao Yu

**CLARINET**
Douglas Brame
William Harris
Conrad Jeong
Jessica Lee
Kevin Lin
Jasmine Nee *
Alex Pieloch
Emily Richardson
David Rosen
Sarah Wang
Jennifer Yland *

**BASS CLARINET**
Tom Amoreno
Jane Caldwell
Valerie Gerriets
David Rosen

**BASSOON**
Kevin Kauffman
Joe Vosburgh

**ALTO SAXOPHONE**
Shaunak Amin
Tannya Cai
Connor Hann *
Eric Lin
Lynn Zhang

**TENOR SAXOPHONE**
Steven Cheng
David Zhou

**BARITONE SAXOPHONE**
Marc Johnson
Walt Martin

**FRENCH HORN**
Ben Brisette
Matthew Farnitano
Tommy Jenkins *
Cécilia Sidibé

**TRUMPET**
Aaron Baum
Nichola Clark
Drew Cutshaw *
Melissa Klein *
Leslie Niiro
Emily Randle
Meredith Stabel
Desmond Gatling

**TROMBONE**
Chris Bernt
Eric Burkhalter
Bobby Plybon *
Justin Xu

**EUPHONIUM**
Dave Greybill
Paul Bryan

**TUBA**
Geoff Burkhalter
John Fuller
Taichi Natake

**STRING BASS**
Jason Maher

**PERCUSSION**
Kristen Brown
Leeviana Gray
Matt Hebert
Grant Kelly

**PIANO/CELESTA**
Lynn Zhang

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* Section Leaders

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Melissa Klein, president
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Emily Randle, Viennese ball chair
Philippa Tanford, publicity chair
Jennifer Yland, social chair
Grant Kelly, secretary/webmaster
Emily Richardson, equipment manager/librarian
Kennesaw State University Wind Ensemble Personnel
(listed alphabetically to emphasize the importance of each part)

FLUTE/PICCOLO
Catherine Flinchum, Woodstock
Madison Hall, Kennesaw
Charis Hanson, Lilburn
Catherine Rothery, Kennesaw
Dirk Stanfield, Amarillo, TX

OBOE/ENGLISH HORN
Andrew Connard, Cumming
Lisa Mason, Clyo
Alex Sifuentes, Lawrenceville

CLARINET/BASS CLARINET
Katherine Cook, Loganville
Jonathan Itkin, Marietta
Kadie Johnston, Buford
Alyssa Jones, Powder Springs
Chris Malloy, Canton
Tyler Moore, Acworth
Mudussir Quraishi, Acworth
Ryan Tang, Marietta
Gus Todd, Kennesaw

BASSOON/CONTRA BASSOON
Jordan Alfredson, Conyers
Sarah Fluker, Decatur
Shelby Jones, Newnan
Danika Mahon, Roswell
Dustin Price, Senoia

TRUMPET
Brandon Austin, Conyers
Jesse Baker, Dallas
John Thomas Burson, Acworth
Kristen Gravlee, Lilburn
Jessica Jarrett, Monroe
Stacey Novik, Kennesaw
Adam Reep, Snellville
Timothy Rucker, Charleston, SC
Andrew Stevens, Marietta

TROMBONE
Michael DeSousa, Milton
Mitchell Frey, Marietta
Michael Lockwood, Augusta
Joseph Poole, Marietta
Tony Wolcott, Marietta

EUPHONIUM
Anthony Pirulis, Marietta
Stewart Yancey, Kennesaw

TUBA
Kadeem Chambers, Decatur
Melinda Mason, Atlanta

STRING BASS
Nick Tworag, Lawrenceville

PIANO
Soyoun Sheehan, Incheon, South Korea
Andy Dang, Duluth
Brian Reed, Kennesaw

HARP
Tyler Hartley, Marietta

PERCUSSION
Cameron Austin, Hiram
Jake Darnell, Emerson
Janna Graham, Kennesaw
Ian Kennel, Acworth
Erik Kosman, Sturgis, MI
Levi Lyman, Kennesaw
Kyle Pridgen, Snellville
Selena Sanchez, Powder Springs

HORN
David Anders, Kennesaw
Kristen Arvold, Cleveland
Sarah Jarrett, Monroe
Lauren Mayo, Snellville
Biographies

Dr. Verena Mösenbichler-Bryant, conductor

Verena Mösenbichler-Bryant serves as Assistant Professor of the Practice of Music and Director of the Duke University Wind Symphony. She also conducts the Duke Medicine Orchestra, the University of North Carolina School of the Arts Wind Ensemble, and the North Carolina Saxophone Ensemble.

Verena grew up in Eberschwang, Austria. She began piano lessons at the age of 6, continuing later with church organ, flute, and bassoon.

Her conducting debut at age 16 was followed by a three-year fundamental conducting course taught by Johann Mösenbichler. Verena Mösenbichler-Bryant then studied conducting for symphony orchestra with Ingo Ingensand at the Anton Bruckner Private University in Linz, Upper Austria, and received her bachelor’s degree, with distinction, in 2005. She completed her Master of Music in 2007 with Kevin Sedatole at Michigan State University. Verena graduated in May 2009 with her DMA in Wind Ensemble Conducting from The University of Texas at Austin where her principal conducting teacher was Jerry Junkin.

Professional engagements have included three years as the conductor of the Hofkirchen community band, conducting the youth band of Eberschwang, and she currently serves as Executive Director of the World Youth Wind Orchestra Project, the international youth orchestra of the annual Mid-Europe festival in Schladming, Austria (www.mideurope.at).

Verena Mösenbichler-Bryant’s transcription of John Corigliano’s Grammy-winning work, Mr. Tambourine Man, for Wind Ensemble and Amplified Soprano, published by G. Schirmer, has received strong praise from the composer, and has received numerous performances since its 2009 premiere. She has also published an article in GIA’s respected Teaching Music Through Performance in Band series. Verena serves frequently as cover conductor for the North Carolina Symphony, and guest conductor and clinician across the United States as well as in her native Austria.

David Thomas Kehler, conductor

David Kehler, has served since 2009 as Director of Bands at Kennesaw State University where he oversees all aspects of the University’s band program and serving as Music Director and Conductor of the KSU Wind Ensemble. An advocate of new music, Professor Kehler has commissioned leading composers to write new works for wind ensemble, including Michael Markowski, Joel Puckett, James Stephenson, Christopher Theofenidis and an upcoming commission by Pulitzer Prize winner, Joseph Schwantner. In addition, the KSU Wind Ensemble has been featured on 90.1 FM (WABE- Atlanta public radio), and continues to garner praise from composers including Steven Bryant, Karel Husa, David Lang, David Maslaneka, Scott McAllister, and Joel Puckett. In 2012, the KSU Wind Ensemble was a featured ensemble and hosted the Southern Division College Band Directors / National Band Association Conference and in 2013, was the winner of the 2013 American Prize for best Wind Ensemble/Concert Band performance. In addition to his ensemble responsibilities, Dr. Kehler teaches courses in instrumental conducting, wind literature and symphonic repertoire.
Previously, David Kehler served The University of Texas at Austin as a Graduate Conducting Associate receiving a Doctor of Musical Arts degree. From 2001-2009, Dr. Kehler served as Associate Conductor of America’s Premier Windband; The Dallas Wind Symphony where he was the director of the Dallas Wind Symphony International Fanfare Project. In addition, Dr. Kehler conducted the Dallas Wind Symphony throughout Texas, including the annual Labor Day Concert at the Dallas Arboretum, various Chautauqua festivals, holiday concerts, and a formal gala presented by the United States Armed Forces with all of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in attendance.

While in Texas, Dr. Kehler was also Founder and Conductor of the GDYO Wind Symphony, an ensemble affiliated with the Greater Dallas Youth Orchestras, Inc. During his ten years of service, the GDYO Wind Symphony established itself as one of the premier youth wind ensembles in the United States. They were a featured ensemble at the Texas Bandmasters Association/National Band Association Convention in San Antonio, Texas, and were heard internationally on “From the Top”, a syndicated radio program featuring the finest young classical musicians in the country. In addition, the GDYO Wind Symphony participated in exchange concerts with the Atlanta Youth Wind Symphony and performed with Jeff Nelson, former horn of the Canadian Brass. In the summer of 2008, the GDYO Wind Symphony embarked on an extensive two-week tour of China, performing at all of the major music conservatories throughout China and Hong Kong.

Previous university appointments were at Southern Methodist University, the University of Rhode Island, and Bay City Western High School, in Bay City, Michigan. Growing up in Michigan, Dr. Kehler received his Bachelor of Music and Master of Music degrees from Michigan State University. Professor Kehler is an active conductor and clinician throughout the United States, and has memberships in musical organizations including CBDNA, NBA, NAfME, Phi Beta Mu, GMEA and others.
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Thursday, October 17
Guest Artist Series: Jessica Rivera, soprano, Kelly O’Connor, mezzo-soprano and Robert Spano, piano

Monday, October 21
Guest Artist: Alex Wasserman, piano

Tuesday, October 22
Guest Artist: David Zerke, tuba

Wednesday, October 23
KSU Concerto Competition Finals

Thursday, October 24
Jazz Ensemble I

Thursday, October 24
Octubafest
Music Building Recital Hall, 8 pm

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